Hixburg

Hixburg, July 31.- Mrs. Douglas McClure went to Glasgow Tuesday to meet her husband, who was at home there for several days.

Mrs. Pearl Marshall is visiting her daughter at Virginia Beach. Dr. and Mrs. Brooks and their daughter drove up Friday for Mrs. Marshall and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sears. They spent Saturday with their son,Tom Brooks, who is attending V. M. I. at Lexington.

Hugh Swan recently visited relatives here. Mrs. N. S. Topping returned with him to Bluefield for a visit.

J. S. Hix, of Thomasville spent last week here.

Mrs. Hayden is spending several days with Mrs. E.A. Covington.

Misses Jessie Carson and Frances Hix spent last week with Mrs. C. B. Carson, of Prospect.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Moore called on Mrs. J. T. Hix Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin and children and Miss Lorene Foster called in the home of W. D. Hix Sunday P. M.

Miss Hilda McPhillips is spending the week with Miss Cassie Webb.

Mrs. J. F. Alsop is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson.

Mrs. R. D. Sears spent Sunday afternoon with the Sears families. Other visitors in the same homes were Miss Carrie Hix, Mrs. J. T. Hix, Frances, Ruth, William and Tom Hix. Mrs. Hix, Frances and Ruth also called in the home of J. B. Wilson.

The two Sunday Schools here are planning a picnic at Holliday Lake August 11th.

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Swims 20 Hours, Gets Planes to Save 5 in Lake

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Five members of a fishing party whose boat capsized on Lake Pontchartrain were rescued by air after a sixth member swam more than 10 miles in 20 hours to get help.

William Hayes, New Orleans, reached West End at 2 p. m. after the exhausting swim and the five others were picked up by a PBY (Catalina) patrol bomber two hours later. They had spent 23 hours in the water and suffered burns from gasoline which spread in the water when their boat sank. All were equipped with life preservers.

Kills Armed Japanese With a Pair of Pliers

OKINAWA. — A Kentuckian, Pfc. Eurie E. Legates, killed a Japanese with a pair of pliers — and he's got witnesses to prove it.

Legates and two other soldiers were stringing a telephone line near the 7th Infantry division front when they spotted an armed Japanese asleep in the brush.

The Japanese awoke and started to run. He was shot in one leg. As he fell, Legates sprang on him and beat him to death with his pliers, although the Japanese still had six grenades and a bayonet.

1,400 Villages Burned In Greece, Skouras Says

NEW YORK. — More than 1,400 villages in Greece have been burned and the country has 250,000 refugees and half a million persons homeless and needing aid, Spyros P. Skouras, president of Greek War Relief, Inc., told reporters at New York air field on his return from seven weeks abroad.

Oil Burners

Oil burners are of vaporizing or atomizing types, depending on how oil is broken up into tiny particles for combustion. Vaporizing burners pre-mix the air and oil by means of blower and control valves. Atomizing burners are divided into gun and rotary types; the former shooting the atomized oil vapor into the fire-box, usually from the outside, while the latter is customarily installed beside the boiler base and employs a revolving disc for atomizing. One of the postwar trends in oil burners will be in the direction of smaller burners for the more efficient heating of the smallest types of houses. Possibly the trend toward utilization of the heavier oils which began before the war will be accelerated. A closer co-ordination between the oil burner and the boiler is also being developed now.

Refrigeration Important

One authority estimates at least 77 per cent of the food eaten by the average American family involves the use of refrigeration or air conditioning or both for processing, preserving or distribution. The average diet on which the computation was based includes dairy products, cereals, meats, poultry, fats and oils, fresh and canned fruits and fresh and canned vegetables. Refrigeration is vital in the production of new dehydrated and frozen foods, is used in upward of 6,000 locker plants throughout the country, and in countless other ways, including farm freezers and home storage cabinets.

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Suit Dismissed by Judge After 48 Years

MILWAUKEE. — A judge dismissed the suit of Frank R. Falk, former treasurer of the Pabst Brewing company, seeking to restrain the city from building a road across his property. The judge said the dismissal was for "want of prosecution." All the principals are dead, including the judge.

Jap Balloons Turn West Wild Again

Sheriff Finds Them Worse Than Bucking Bronco.

WASHINGTON—Japan's fantastic balloon-bomb attack on this hemisphere is adding a new chapter to the history of the West.

One sheriff will be able to brag that he has ridden something wilder and more dangerous than the most rambunctious bronco that ever threw a cowboy into the cactus.

The story of the sheriff's ride can now be told although details as to time and place must be withheld. It started when a rancher reported that he thought was a big parachute coming down in the foothills.

The sheriff knew what it was. He called an FBI man and sallied forth to his great adventure. When they came to the place, the balloon had settled to earth. While they looked a gust of wind sent it into the air again.

The sheriff chased it. The first time he got close enough to grab at its mechanism he deliberately let the opportunity slip by: Life was sweet and he had no desire to take leave of it.

But the call of duty won out. After a 200-yard sprint the sheriff got hold of a shroud line. From then on he couldn't have let go if he had wanted to—which he did.

For 55 minutes the balloon pulled him over hill and dale. Once it carried him bodily across a 35-foot ravine. He tried to climb on top of the balloon and hold it down, but it threw him off. Finally, he was able to throw a hitch around a tree and bring the bag to a halt. With the FBI man's help, he tied it fast.

"I was plumb tuckered out," the sheriff reported. "I felt like I was in the middle of a nightmare."

Another sheriff got the biggest game of his life when he potted one of the balloons with his rifle.

Soldier Is Alive; Wife Now Sorry She Wed Again

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Another wife who was remarried after she believed her soldier-husband dead is sorry now and hopes to return to him.

The latest case is that of Mrs. Thelma Hammond Nelms, who has filed suit for annulment of her present marriage. Mrs. Nelms said she had received no word from her first husband, S/Sgt. David E. Hammond of Sharpsburg, Md., after May, 1943, and had assumed that he had been killed. His sister had been notified that he was missing in Europe.

Mrs. Nelms' present husband is William R. Nelms of Pennington Gap, Va. They were married last August.

"I don't know why I did it," she said, "except that I felt Dave had died, and—to tell the truth—I was so awful lonesome."

Mrs. Nelms learned three months ago that her first husband had been liberated from Stalag 30 by the Red army.

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Jap Line Cut by 'One-Man Massacre'

American Private Kills 30 In Heroic Attack.

OKINAWA. — Pfc. Clarence B. Craft, Santa Ana, Calif., in a one-man massacre, killed 30 Japs and drove a wedge which its regimental commander said helped snap the Jap Shuri defense line.

Fellow doughboys, who had a ringside seat to "a fighting performance we hardly could believe," told recently how Craft almost single-handedly wiped out a Jap pocket in 10 to 15 minutes.

Craft, married and the father of a four-year-old son, made his one-man assault on a 450-foot hill after elements of the 96th infantry division had been pinned down by intense machine gun fire.

For 10 days Japs from this hill had held up two battalions.

Two flanks of two divisions couldn't move until it was seized.

On May 31 a company and two platoons assaulted the hill again.

Craft went into action. When he reached the hilltop he began tossing grenades into trenches and foxholes as men from his platoon passed them up to him. He straddled a trench, pouring fire from his Garand down into it. Then he began throwing down Japs as they got to him.

He knocked out a heavy machine gun and its crew with a burst through the trench. He drove the Japs he didn't kill into a hillside cave, then sealed it with a demolition charge.

Fifty-eight Jap bodies, 3 "knee" mortars, 3 machine guns, about 80 rifles and piles of ammunition littered the hill when the fight was over. Craft himself fired five clips of rifle ammunition and threw 43 grenades. He estimated he killed 25 Japs with rifle fire, the remainder with grenades.

Grenades thrown by his buddies, two of whom were wounded, accounted for the other Japs. At one time Japs and Americans were dueling with grenades which sailed over Craft's head.

Utilize Peanut Waste

Progress toward fully utilizing the peanut has been announced by the USDA. The new by-product is a variety of rapid yeast that has proved of value in livestock and poultry feeding. The process also lessens a sewage disposal problem. When oil is extracted from peanuts, the high protein meal remaining is valuable as a livestock feed, but research has shown that it may be even more valuable for industrial uses in which the purified protein is used for backing remembering adhesives, and for coatings, sizings and fibers. After the protein is separated from the meal, a waste liquor remains which may contain 1 per cent of sugars. Such a liquor ferments and is likely to be a nuisance in streams, causing odors, and killing fish by exhausting oxygen in the water. But by controlling this fermentation in a tank — sterilizing the liquor, and then inoculating it with a food yeast — disposal is simplified and the sugars are converted into a protein feed product valuable for its vitamin content. This yeast has also been used successfully in fermenting similar liquors from sweet potato starch mills.

Crossbred Cattle

Crossbred beef cattle produced by breeding selected Red Poll cows to Hereford bulls yielded slightly more beef and profit per animal than comparable purebred stock, the USDA found. The studies involved 275 steer and heifer calves, some of which were crossbreds and others purebreds, used for comparison. The calves of the two-way cross were the offspring of Shorthorn bulls and Hereford cows. The calves of the three-way cross were sired by Aberdeen-Angus bulls bred to Shorthorn-Hereford cows, the product of the former cross. The records show that, in comparison with purebred Herefords, these triple crosses weighed more at weaning and at the end of the feeding period, gained more rapidly in the feedlots, sold at more per pound and per head, had a higher dressing percentage and returned more per animal above feed and marketing costs. The degree of superiority was substantial in most cases. During the first year the average market return for the cross-bred steers was $14.14 greater than for the average purebred steer and for the second year it was $10.49 greater.

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Shipping Injuries Result In High Meat Losses

A great loss of meat and money is taking place by injuries or death suffered by livestock being shipped or hauled to market. The loss from bruised animals, making it necessary to trim away parts of the carcass, is more than 10 million dollars annually. At least 3 million dollars is lost by livestock deaths on way to market.

The farmers can do a lot to prevent these losses by using care on the farm. While loading, avoid the possibilities of animals injuring themselves by crowding through narrow openings, catching on nails and splinters, or stumbling over old machinery lying about the yard. Cattle should be dehorned when young to avoid injury from fighting. In preparing them for shipping they should be handled without being excited and should be fed lightly just before loading.

During hot weather it is advisable to move animals by night when it is cooler, if at all possible. Trucks and cars should be bedded with moist sand. Avoid crowding of trucks and cars, as that causes many deaths, especially in hot weather. Bulls always should be tied and heavy stags and boars partitioned off. It is also best to separate large and small animals by partitions.

Problem Liqu'dates Tax Delinquent Land

Six cities in Los Angeles county have developed a program which is helping rehabilitate tax delinquent lands and recovering revenues lost through tax delinquency, according to information to the American Municipal association.

Next step is to advertise the property for sale by quit-claim deed, thus giving the former owner opportunity to repurchase the property on an equitable basis. If the property has not been sold by quit-claim deed after a reasonable period, all necessary proceedings are taken in court to completely clear the title to the property, including the clearing of overlapping assessment liens, so the property may be sold with a merchantable title together with policy of title insurance. After the property is cleared, it is appraised and listed with all real estate brokers doing business in the city.

Under existing legislation, California communities may, by agreement with the county board of supervisors and with consent of the state controller's office, purchase the state's title to tax deeded lands. Purchase may be either on a cash basis, an option agreement basis, or upon a pro-rata division basis.

Pulpwood needed in the war effort.

Beckham

Beckham, July 30.- A surprise birthday party was given at the home of Mrs. H. O. Martin today in honor of Mr. H. O. Martin and his mother, Mrs. Emmaline Martin. Lunch was served in picnic style and lemonade and cake was served in the evening.

Those present beside the above mentioned were: Mr.and Mrs.Olin Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Harding, Mrs. Inez Harding and son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Josephine, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Morris, Robert, Mrs. Marvin Martin, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr., Faye, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin, Mrs. Herbert Moore and family, Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, Mrs. Drinkard, and Ethel Elizabeth and Roberta Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Martin, Mrs. Jimmy Bethel, and Mrs. Bob Martin and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Moore and Doris, Mrs. Thelma Massie and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ruth Thomas and son, Mrs. Maxine Story, Charles Torrence, Fletcher Burge, Calvary Martin, Fleming Drinkard, and Grover Grow.

Our community was saddened by the deaths of Mr. Tom Martin and Mrs. Charlie Coleman. We extend our deepest sympathy to their bereaved families.

Thomas Martin and son, of Richmond visited his parents last week.

Thelma Story and Josephine Martin are visiting Mrs. and Mrs. Moore at Appomattox this week.

Mrs. Allen Gardner, Mrs. Mamie Story, Mrs. Charlie Steppe and son and Thelma Massie and son spent the week-end with Mr. H. O. Martin.

Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr. has returned to Richmond after visiting her parents.

Clayton Burge, U. S. Navy, and his wife have been visiting his parents.

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SERVICE MEN'S NEWS

John R. Holycross, of Appomattox, arrived at Hampton Roads August 1 from the European theatre.

Scott Cates, S 1-C, is stationed at Jacksonville, Fla.

Babcock, U. S. Navy, nephew of Mrs. F. L. Murphy, has returned to his home at Rustburg after 33 months overseas. He has a 30-day furlough before he enters the week-end.

Cpl. V. Torrence, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Torrence, Route 2, is in a hospital at Washington.

Pfc. Torrence, Jr., U. S. Navy, has been on Okinawa, has returned to the States and is now at his parents here.

Pfc. Torrence, S 2-C, of the Navy, has returned to Sampson, N. Y., after spending a leave with his family.

Pfc. W. Franklin, S 1-C, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Franklin, Appomattox, is back on duty aboard the USS Intrepid, which was severely damaged by enemy action. Seaman Franklin was in the May. He received a commendation for his conduct during the ship's action with the enemy. The Intrepid has eighty enemy planes and 650 aircraft to its credit, taking a terrific pounding during those Japs forces.. suicide planes damaged the ship. He, and he returned to duty.

Pfc. Allen Gallier, U. S. Navy, stationed at Norfolk, will spend this week with his mother, Mrs. B. Gallier.

Seaman Harmon P. Ligon, of Fort Clayton, Texas spent several days here this week.

Pfc. Arthur Layne is home on a furlough.

Pfc. Christian, III, U. S. Navy, stationed at Charlottesville, was here the week-end.

Pfc. San Francisco, U. S. Army, is visiting his wife in North Carolina. He is the son of Mrs. Wright.

Pfc. Alfred M. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mundy Moore, of Moseley, Va., is being processed through Detroit in the Assembly Command as a member of a large fighter bomber Air Service Group being redeployed directly to the Pacific.

Moore's Air Service Group is one of the first of its kind to see battle-torn Normandy a few days after D-Day. It was a victorious drive for Brest and then S. R. L. Toward the end of Normandy campaign, they were offering close fighter bomber aid to General George S. Patton's Third U. S. Army. In the drive that followed the Group's P-47 Thunderbolts, always in close support of the famous and fast-moving Third Army strafed and bombed their way across France and were stationed far east of the Rhine when the war in Europe ended.

Cpl. Julian Guill is now stationed in China. His group has received the Presidential Citation.

Pfc. Dan Guill is on Luzon, at a rest camp. Below is a letter received by his mother from a girl he helped to liberate at Manila:

"Dear Mrs. Guill,

"My name is Sally Fuzman and I have just arrived in Los Angeles from Santo Tomas Int. Camp, Manila, P. I.

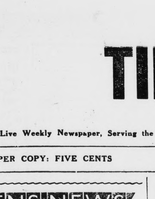
"Your son Dan was one of the first boys to enter the gates and liberate us and I assure you Dan must still be same boy that left home, for he is one of the best boys we have ever met.

"Dan spoke of you constantly and you cant imagine the joy he got every time he would receive mail from home. All he can talk about is your Southern cooking and what a wonderful place Lynchburg is. The last time I saw Dan-ny he was in very good health, a little thin, but gaining his appetite back gradually. Dan has become quite a tea drinker as we are Australians and drink it all the time. . . . Enclosed is a picture of my two sisters and myself. . . . It does something to you when you look back and think of people you left behind. So please forgive my scrawl, Mrs. Guill, and I would love to hear from you if you could find the time. . . ."

VETERANS PLACED IN 88,495 JOBS

Local offices of the U. S. Employment Service placed 88,495 war veterans in jobs during June, a total of 85,625, according to the War Manpower Commission.

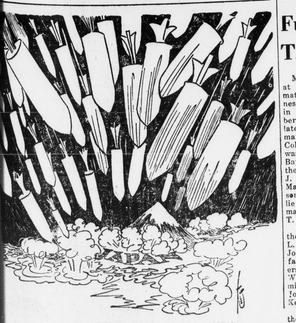
Veteran WAC



Back home after her second war is T/Sgt. Mary M. Greene, 44, a veteran of the WAC in Europe. She has three sons in the army. In World War I she served as secretary to Adm. William Leahy, then a captain.

U. S. may utilize Russian airbases for bombing attacks.

Rainy Season in Japan



Blood Donors Sought For August 22nd

A group of blood donors will go from this county to Charlottesville to the Red Cross Blood Bank on Wednesday, August 22.

Judge J. W. Flood, chairman of the county Red Cross blood donor committee, has set a goal of 100 persons to make this trip. He asks that those who can go and who have not already notified him, to do so at once. He points out the present trend of the war with Japan does not mean that the fighting is over, and the need of blood is as great as ever.

Cars will leave from the court house at 8:30 A. M. the morning of August 22nd. Also from Concord, Oakville, Bent Creek, Pamplin, Vera, Liberty Chapel and the Stonewall community. Lunch will be served in Charlottesville as usual on these trips.

Funeral of T. F. Coleman

Mr. Tyler Francis Coleman died at his home on Route 3, Appomattox, August 3, following an illness of two weeks. He was born in Appomattox County on November 28, 1852. He was a son of the late Joseph and Eliza Harris Coleman. His wife, Mrs. Sallie Garrett Coleman died some years ago. He was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Thos. J. Harvey, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Maude Abbitt, Mrs. Thos. Robertson, Mrs. Jesse J. Chernault, Leslie A. Coleman and Robert H.Coleman, all of this county, and W. T. Coleman, of Richmond.

Funeral services were held from the home, conducted by the Rev. L. P. Brown and the Rev. H. F. Jones. Interment was made in the family cemetery. Active pallbearers were: Hermon Robertson, Tommie Harvey, Robert Chernault, John Harvey, Walter Robertson, Keith Marshall.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved loved ones.

Jap War May Come to Quick Ending Tuck and Fenwick Winners

William M. Tuck, of Halifax received a clear-cut victory over Moss Plunkett, of Roanoke in Tuesday's primary for the Democratic nomination for Governor. However, the race for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor developed into a ding-dong, photo-finish contest between L. Preston Collins, of Marion, and Charles R. Fenwick, of Arlington.

With 1,609 of Virginia's 1,715 precincts reported, Fenwick had 50,768 votes to 49,043 for Collins. It was unlikely that the Fenwick lead could be overcome by the final tabulation, and the concensus of opinion this morning was to declare Fenwick the winner. Senator Muse, of Roanoke, ran third in this contest, with 31,857 votes.

Appomattox County, for its size and population,had perhaps the largest votes cast in the State, and won the honor of casting the nearest thing to a unanimous vote in the State. Collins swept Appomattox County 1,610 to 25 for Fenwick and 18 for Muse. Seldom, if ever, has any Virginia County ever given a candidate such a clean sweep.

Tuck carried Appomattox County handily, but not by such a margin as that given Collins. Tuck received 1,523 to 89 for Plunkett.

Nearest thing to the clean-sweep in Appomattox County was the vote in the Ninth District's Wise County precinct, where Fenwick got 3,307 to 198 for Muse and 121 for Collins. It may be that the Wise County vote swung the decision in this contest.

The mail vote was very heavy in Appomattox County, amounting to nearly one-fourth of the total. Slightly over 100 soldier ballots were received, much less than expected although far ahead of the State average.

The nominees selected in Tuesday's primary will oppose the Republican candidates in the November general election.

Statement on School Curriculum Problem

Statement by Professor Crawley

"Since there has been some misunderstanding by some of the patrons of the Appomattox High School as to why certain pupils who complete the high school course cannot enter college, I feel it proper that I make some statements regarding this matter which may clarify the situation.

"In the first place, it has always been true that some of the graduates each year were not qualified for college entrance and mainly no because they did not plan soon enough to go to college and did not choose their course in high school with college entrance in mind. In most instances, those students who did plan their courses for college entrance, have been able to enter college without difficulty and many of them have made splendid records.

"In justice to all students, however, I wish to say that the situation for the past year was brought about mainly on account of the changes in the courses during the war period. For the past two years we have been following the advice of the state authorities to so modify our courses as to meet the needs of the pupils for the war effort. We were informed that even the colleges would modify their own entrance requirements in order to meet the changing conditions but it seems that in one or two instances,certain colleges have not made that adjustment. This has caused confusion.

"For instance, we have been offering more different courses in Mathematics in our high school in the last three years than we have ever offered before and many of our graduates have taken more Mathematics than is usually required, but the arrangement of the Mathematics subject matter in the various texts used has not, in some instances, been in keeping with the exact sequence and time emphasis required by some colleges. An effort is being made to work out these difficulties with the State Department of Education and the colleges in question, hoping that a proper adjustment of courses may be made between the colleges and high schools.

"I also want to emphasize that this situation is not just a local one but exists in many of the best high school throughout the state.

"For a number of years, students in high schools of this county have been required each year, at the beginning of school, to fill out a schedule of studies and classes for the approval of parents and teachers, showing the courses they wish to take and the daily class program. In the cases of those students who expect to enter colleges, both parents and pupils have been urged that they pick out subjects required by the colleges they expect to enter.

"Again, for the coming year, when war courses are not so strongly emphasized, we are asking every pupil in high school, especially those in the third and fourth years, to read and study carefully what will be required of graduates who expect to attend college and that they particularly look up the requirements of the institution they wish to enter. We urge that pupils make sure that they take at least two years of Algebra, one year of Plane Geometry, and one year of Special Mathematics to prepare them for that particular advanced work that they propose to do. They should have four full years of English, with special emphasis on words, sentences and paragraph structure, plus certain literature required. They must also have one year in American History; one year in Civics; and for some colleges, two or three years in Latin (while others do not require any); two years of Modern Languages; and some Science, Chemistry or Physics (required by some institutions), or both.

"Trouble will certainly arise unless each pupil plays with his parents and teachers and decides two or more years in advance what he expects to do. He should not just select any course, especially the easier ones and then, when he has graduated, decide to enter some college for which he has not been prepared.

"For those pupils who do not expect to enter college, there are other courses and subjects that we advise them to affect. It is up to the parents and pupils, with the aid of the teacher, to plan in advance for just what the pupils expect to do after they finish high school. The school does not attempt to prepare all of its students to enter college as was the custom many years ago. Only about ten percent go to college, whereas about ninety percent do not.

"The Principal will be very glad indeed to talk with pupils and parents and advise what courses should be taken in case the pupil is planning to enter college. We try hard to meet the needs of both groups.

"The Appomattox High School is fully accredited and always has been."

—L. Crawley, Principal.
August 8, 1945.

Conservation on the Farm

(One of a Series)

There is considerable interest in Appomattox County in farm fish ponds. The Robert E. Lee Soil Conservation District assists farmers in planning and laying the dams and obtaining fish to stock them.

John P. Alvis, Jr., of Stonewall has recently completed a pond of two and one-half acres and it was stocked last November with bass and bream fingerlings. The bass are now about eight inches long. Mr. Alvis built the dam wide enough to have a roadway on top and this saves him from pulling the hills in hauling in his crops.

Clarence Moore has built a pond covering an acre and this was stocked last November. The fish are now about eight inches long.

These ponds are being fertilized and this will cause the fish to double in weight.

These ponds will furnish fish for food, swimming, and water for stock. They are ideal for picnics.

Mr. Moore's pond is fed by a large spring, and Mr. Alvis' pond is fed by a small branch.

Ball Games

Lee Theatre baseball team plays Brookneal Saturday at 3 P. M. and will play Volens Sunday at 3 P. M. Both games will be played in Appomattox on the Lee Theatre field.

Russia reveals that Japan asked her to try to mediate an end to the war.

Poe Hardware Store to Open

Announcement is made today of the opening of a new business in Appomattox Saturday, when the Poe Hardware Company opens its doors to the public. Owned and operated by C. C. Poe, a well and favorably known local business man, the new hardware store is located near Moses Motor Company, in the former Price building. Mr. Poe invites his friends to visit him in his new store.

Rumors of a Jap peace proposal were widely circulated this morning. They were not confirmed.

Russian declared war on Japan yesterday afternoon, refusing Jap pleas for neutrality and requests for mediation, in order to fulfill her obligation to the United States and China and Britain.

Russian armies, from long prepared positions were reported today to be attacking along the Manchurian frontier.

The biggest scientific development of the century was announced this week when American airmen dropped an "atomic bomb" on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Such amazing havoc was wrought as to indicate Japan would be forced to surrender rather than to face continued assaults by this most powerful war weapon ever developed.

The "atomic bomb" releases the uncounted energy in the uranium atom, and a singe bomb does the damage ordinarily done by 20,000 tons of TNT.

There was conjecture today that President Truman would be able to announce Japanese surrender in a radio broadcast scheduled for 10 P.M.tonight,or if the surrender did not materialize, he would be in a position to present the Japs with an ultimatum calling for immediate surrender to avoid destruction by atomic bombs to say nothing of the armed forces of America, Russia, Britain and China.

The tendency of the Japanese to fight on to the end is not to be discounted in figuring on the length of the Pacific war. Japan still has large armies and a phenominal will to fight. Coupled with the supply difficulties and distances in the Pacific, the war could possibly drag on for many months.

Praises Local Cannery

The community cannery is one of the most useful institutions in the county. The local unit alone is preserving around one thousand cans of fruit and vegetables a day. If we multiply this output by that of similar canneries throughout the State, we can get a fair idea of the enormous contribution the canning program is making toward the alleviation of food shortages. Much of the lush produce of our gardens and farms would go to waste without such facilities as it offers.

It is an efficiently managed and operated institution,too.The staff is competent and uniformly pleasant. It radiates good humor and cooperative friendliness even during the hottest days when the bilding is bulging with busy patrons. They are never too preoccupied to tell a patron what he wants to know or to render any assistance possible.

The cannery is operated in a way that encourages cooperation among the patrons too. One person helps another, and an atmosphere of mutual helpfulness and neighborliness pervades the building. I have found that if a lone man enters with a basket of vegetables and looks pitiful enough, some kind-hearted lady will be sure to come to the rescue and guide his faltering steps.

It is a great place for husbands. There ought to be a law requiring every husband in the county to work there one day every season. He will then be more sympathetic with his wife during the canning season. But most of the men who can there look rather awed and embarrassed by the presence of so many busy, bustling, and perspiring women.

Yes, the setting up of these canneries is one of the best investments the County and State ever made. Come on up and sweat with us and "company."—Contributed.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM TO CONTINUE IN 1946

School lunch programs throughout the nation will continue to receive Government Assistance during the 1945-46 fiscal year. Schools which participated in the program during the 1944-45 fiscal year are being reinstated upon request under a simplified agreement.Schools wishing to participate in the program for the first time may apply to the Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

The school lunch program is designed to operate under local sponsorship of school boards and other school organizations, parent-teacher groups, civic groups and other non-profit organizations.